

BOY BADLY INJURED IN FIGHT FOR PISTOL

Weapon Discharged When Older Brother Attempts to Get Possession

PARENTS WERE AT WORK

Charles Vost, nine years old, 2167 North Orianna street, was shot and seriously wounded yesterday when his older brother, James, attempted to take a revolver from him.

The injured boy was taken to St. Christopher's hospital, where it was found the bullet had pierced his liver. His condition is critical.

Investigation by the police revealed that James had been left at home to take care of his brother Charles and the baby, while their father and mother were at work.

Yesterday afternoon Charles went on a hunt throughout the house for Christmas presents he thought might be hidden away. He forced open the top drawer of a bureau and found a revolver, which he took.

James, who is fourteen years old, seeing his younger brother with the revolver, asked him for it. There was some argument as to whether the younger boy should give it up, and James made a grab for it. A struggle followed and the revolver was discharged.

James, frightened, ran into the street shouting for help. The boy was taken to the hospital in a passing delivery truck. Later James was arrested and sent to the House of Detention.

CAR LINE BLOCKED TWICE

Passengers Lose Patience at Second Delay and Walk

Hundreds of car riders coming to work in the central section of the city this morning by way of Route 48 on Twenty-second street were delayed nearly an hour when a trolley car was derailed at Twenty-second and Green streets.

The car, southbound on Twenty-second street and eastbound on Green, was rounding the curve when its wheels left the track and it continued to the curb. This occurred about 7:30.

When the car had been replaced a line of others—Routes 3 and 7—waiting for help, proceeded south on Twenty-second street. At Twenty-second and Spring Garden streets another car was derailed and there was another delay of twenty minutes.

Many of the passengers braved the cold and walked after becoming impatient at the delays.

Deaths of a Day

LOUIS HOLL

Louis Holl, seventy-seven years old, who was for many years a builder and contractor in Camden, died today at his home, Broadway and Berkeley street, Camden. He was born in Philadelphia, but moved to Camden when he was seven years of age.

He is survived by his widow and four children: Winfield Holl, who was associated with him in the building business; Arthur Holl, coroner of Camden county; Mrs. William Davis and Miss Anne A. Holl.

The funeral services will be held Friday. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Thomas L. Delahanty

New York, Dec. 16.—Thomas Lawrence Delahanty, former president of the International Marine Workers' Association and a leader of the harbor strike here last fall, died Sunday at his mother's home in Charleston, S. C. Heart disease was given as the cause of his death. He had gone south for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Delahanty was born in Charleston fifty-two years ago.

Samuel A. Willits

Haddonfield, N. J., Dec. 16.—Samuel A. Willits, one of the oldest residents, died Sunday night in his home, 49 Grave street, seventy-six years old. He was born on the estate of his father and grandfather, which at one time included nearly all the land now comprising Barrington, a large part of Haddon Heights and of Haddonfield. He conducted the Willits Coal and Lumber Co. until 1891 when he retired from business. He was a member of the Society of Friends and leaves his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Arthur H. Thomas, of Haverford, Pa., and a son, Josiah E. Willits, of this place.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS BEGIN

Strawbridge & Clothier's Chorus Gives Delightful Program

Strawbridge & Clothier's chorus began its 9:30 a. m. Christmas concert today with a program of much beauty. The thirty-minute concert will be given daily until Christmas Day.

They are under the direction of Dr. Herbert J. Tilly. The soloists today were Elsie Lyons Cook, soprano; John Owens, tenor; John W. Vandervoort, bass, and William S. Thunder at the piano.

The six selections followed the dramatic sequence of events leading up to the birth of Christ. And the story was followed in tabular as well as in melody. The tableau was arranged with restraint. The characters were selected from the employes of the store.

Strawbridge & Clothier's choristers have been carefully trained and their manner of conveying the charm of Goethe's "Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus" and Gertrude Smith's "First Christmas" along with the other four selections, expresses an intelligent appreciation of the lyrics and painstaking rehearsals.

WOMAN HERE GETS MILLION

Mrs. R. Lawrence Benson One of Four to Share A. D. Russell's Estate

The will of the late Archibald D. Russell, of Princeton, leaves \$4,000,000 to his four children, Mrs. R. Lawrence Benson, a daughter-in-law of Mrs. Edwin M. Benson, of Chestnut Hill; Mrs. Marion Epply, of Newport, R. I.; Mrs. Constance R. Russell, of Princeton, and Archibald D. Benson, Jr., of Princeton.

The original will, providing for four bequests, was drawn by Princeton lawyer Epply, Five Points Home of Industry, and the Trinity Episcopal Church, of Princeton, was revoked in a codicil made seven days before Mr. Russell's death.

Mr. Russell was a brother-in-law of Moses Taylor Pyne, of Princeton, a banker in New York and one of Princeton's biggest benefactors. It is said that Mr. Russell's wife, who left her entire estate to her husband when she died two years ago, inherited \$40,000,000 from her father, Moses Taylor.

Mrs. Benson could not be reached at her home today.

LEIB SEEKS NEW TRIAL

Attorneys Cite 41 Reasons Why Court Should Grant Plea

William S. Leib, the Schuylkill county politician recently convicted of fraud in connection with state tax receipts, gives forty-one different reasons why he should have a new trial, in a petition filed by his attorneys, William A. Carr, of Philadelphia, and John F. Whelan, of Pottsville.

Leib was found guilty by a jury in Quarter Sessions Court here. His lawyers at once began preparations for a fight for a new trial and filed the petition yesterday afternoon.

CAMDEN AFTER PROFITEERS

Mass-Meeting Will Plan Action Against Gougers Tonight

A mass-meeting has been called for tonight in the Moore Home, 635 Market street, Camden, for the purpose of exposing rent profiteers in Camden. Citizens of Camden interested in the matter of rent profiteering have been invited. Delegations will be present from the Chamber of Commerce and the United Tenants' Protective Association of Philadelphia. Complaints will be received and action will be planned against the offenders.

13,000 PAY INCOME TAX

Only 2000 Here Still Unpaid When Office Opened Today

Only 2000 persons are on the penalty list today for failure to pay their federal income tax. About 13,000 managed to crowd into the office of Internal Revenue Collector Lederer before opening time yesterday and pay the fourth and final installment for 1919. Some appeared in person, but the majority sent checks.

The amount taken in was \$33,519,960.16, it was announced today.

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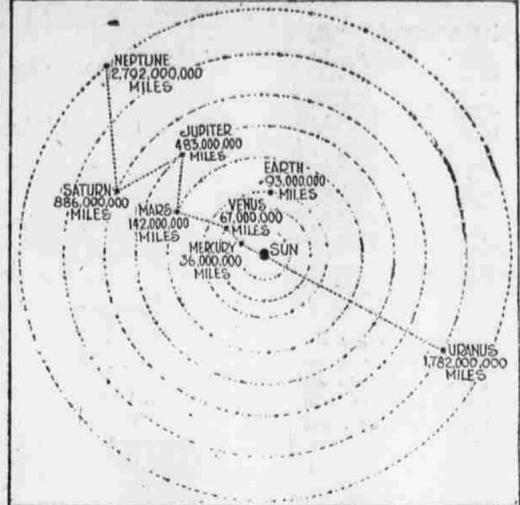
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PLANETS FALL INTO LINE TOMORROW



On the night of December 17 all the planets, with the exception of the earth, will lie in an approximate line with the sun, and all of them, except Uranus, will be on the same side as the sun. A line drawn from the sun through Mercury, the nearest planet to it, will pass very close to Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune also. Astronomers scoff at any astrological fears due to the peculiar celestial configuration.

TO DINE EX-SERVICE MEN

Royal Arcanum to Give Testimonial Dinner Tonight

The Associated Council of Philadelphia and vicinity of the Royal Arcanum will give a testimonial dinner tonight in Mosbach's Casino, Thirteenth street and Girard avenue, to their members who saw service in the war.

L. R. Geisenberger, of Lancaster, Pa., supreme regent of the order, will preside at the dinner, and there will be speakers from Pittsburgh, Reading, Bethlehem and New York. This district includes Philadelphia, Chester, Conestoga, Pottstown, Phoenixville and Norristown.

S. S. COLLEMAR LAUNCHED

Collingswood Girl Sponsor for Seventy-fifth Ship at Hog Island

Hog Island launched its seventy-fifth ship at 9:10 o'clock this morning. The Collemar, which is the name chosen for the ship by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, was sponsored by Miss Catherine Elizabeth Fortune, 105 Fraser avenue, Collingswood, N. J. She is the daughter of M. B. Fortune, general superintendent of hull construction at Hog Island.

On the platform with the sponsor was Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Fortune and officers of the United States Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation and officials of the American International Shipping Corporation.

The Collemar is a steel cargo carrier of 7825 deadweight tons and is an oil burner. The launching today brings the total deadweight tonnage of ships constructed at Hog Island since August 5, 1918, to 587,400.

TRANSFUSION SAVES BOY

Father and Son Give Up Three Pints of Blood

With a pint of his father's blood and two pints of a brother's coursing through his veins and giving them new life, Herbert Wehmer, sixteen years old, 5818 Osage avenue, is in the University Hospital rapidly recovering from the loss of blood he suffered when his father was mauled on December 10.

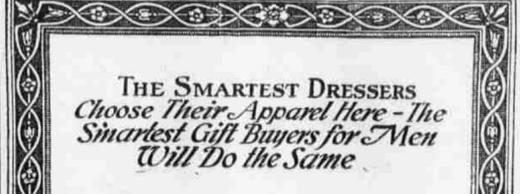
Three more brothers stand ready to part with some of their blood if it is needed to save the life of the injured boy. They are, Clarence, twenty-four years old, Arthur twenty-one years old and Alvin, nineteen years old.

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DOOM OF WORLD TOMORROW? NOT YET, SAY SAVANTS HERE

Prof. Eric Doolittle and Dr. John Miller Skeptical of Porta's Deductions—Other Prophecies Recalled

The rack of doom is scheduled for tomorrow, says Professor Albert F. Porta. It is not, say eminent astronomers, and the burden of the proof seems to rest with the latter.

Professor Porta started the whole trouble by saying that six mighty planets are going to align themselves with the sun tomorrow, and they are going to pull together and create a gigantic sunspot on the face of the sun that will cause the earth to be swept by the most terrific weather gales ever witnessed.

There will be colossal rains, and lightning and riots and other things, along with unbelievable, unimaginable explosion, flaming gases, Professor Porta asserts.

Doctor Miller Scouts Idea "The deduction is without a grain of truth," said Dr. John Miller, of the Swarthmore Observatory.

"It is true that on December 17 six planets will lie in an approximate line with the sun, and all of them with the exception of Uranus will be on the same side of the sun. Uranus will be nearly opposite.

"That is to say, as the planets revolve around the sun at different rates of speed, it happens that tomorrow they meet up with each other. And a line drawn from the sun through Mercury, the nearest planet to it, will pass very close to Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune. And Uranus will be on the same line on the opposite side of the sun.

"Now, perhaps, there will be a little lightning on the sun due to this pulling. But it would be there and is there almost every day of the year as long as Jupiter is there. Because the attraction of Jupiter is greater than all the other planets put together, and the attraction is negligible.

Furthermore, the astronomers do not believe that there is any connection between 'planet pull' and sunspots. It is believed that sunspots are the result of explosions of the gases of the sun and are similar to our volcanic eruptions, only more tremendous.

Doolittle Ethical Statement "Why is publicity given to such men who spread ridiculousness?" asked Dr. Eric Doolittle, of the University of Pennsylvania Flower Observatory. "In reality these planets are not even on a line. They are distributed over an area involving millions of miles of space. Every fifteen or twenty years this arrangement of the planets happens. Nothing has ever come of it. Nothing will come of it tomorrow.

There have been many days picked down the long succession of years for the good old world to go on a strike. Mother Shipton sang in couplets that 'the end of the world would come in eighteen hundred and eighty-one.' But the little bird that whistled in her ear was only fooling.

The most remarkable prophecies of the end of the world were those of William Miller, who founded the Millerites, who were the forerunners of the Seventh-Day Adventists.

Miller said that the sun would stand still and the foundations of the earth rock on April 23, 1843. And people of the United States, both cultured and illiterate, gave him a great deal of credence.

In Boston, where he did most of his preaching, the people built a one-story tabernacle with a great skylight and no windows. On the fated day thousands crowded into the building, many of them arrayed in white ascension robes. They waited and sang hymns and waited for the stillness of the morning, but the earth gave never a quake. Finally they wandered sadly home and said they would give the world another chance some other day.

Miller made other prophecies. The end would come on October 16 in either 1857, '67, '73 or '80. But it didn't, as is quite generally known.

The adventists nowadays do not presume to set a specific date. They believe the Gospel will be accomplished all its work in the world and that a change of dispensation is at hand. Their belief is that change is also awaiting the physical world; that the physical globe is to be renewed.

In the late 18th Philadelphia witnessed a night of vigil by the adventists in Fairmount Park. Robed in their white translation robes, they are said to have waited on October 25, 1883, for the sun to stand still and for a beautiful woman to come out of the heavens and for seven trumpets to blow. It didn't, she didn't and the trumpets neither.

DR. SWAIN GETS LEAVE

Swarthmore President Going to Florida to Regain Health

Joseph Swain, president of Swarthmore College, and widely known in educational circles, has been granted a leave of absence from the college, extending to March 1. Doctor and Mrs. Swain plan to spend most of this time at points on the west coast of Florida, where they hope to build up their health.

During the absence of Doctor Swain Professor John A. Miller, vice president of the college, will take over the duties of president. Doctor Swain will, however, keep in close touch with the affairs of the college.

Painter With Numb Hands Falls

Hugh McCullough, fifty-nine years old, a painter, 3512 Addison street, Philadelphia, fell from a scaffold at Third and Cooper streets, Camden, early today. His skull was fractured. The old cumbered his hands and caused the accident. He was taken to the Cooper Hospital, where his condition is serious.

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SUBWAY STATION AT HALL FINISHED

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The central station under City Hall for the proposed Broad street subway has been completed and will be ready for public inspection in one or two weeks.

The station required four years and four months to build, at a cost of \$2,800,000, and is likely to be idle for years before the subway is completed and in operation.

The new station is said to represent an engineering feat unique in this country. The weight of the municipal building, approximately 180,000 tons, had to be shored up by huge concrete pillars.

Mayor Smith would not hazard a guess when the Broad street subway would be built.

"I am disturbed not only over the possibility of using this station in the future," he said, "but over the immense expense this engineering feat has made necessary."

"I am glad the work has been completed during my administration. It has been in my mind to get the work cleaned up before I went out of office and to have the station available for public inspection."

Although \$25,000,000 has been voted for the Broad street subway, William S. Twining, director of city transit, estimated the subway now would cost \$50,000,000 because of greatly increased costs of labor and materials.

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